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MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS FUNDING SOURCES AND ALLOCATION FY2012

	Operations	Capital
General Fund		
May be used by the Parks Division for the purpose of conserving the scenic, historic, archaeological, scientific, and recreational resources of the state and providing for their use and enjoyment. In FY96, the Enforcement and Conservation Education divisions began receiving general fund authority to offset the loss of fish and game fines and restitution. In FY02, Enforcement lost their general fund appropriation. In FY04, Parks and Con Ed lost their general fund authority. In FY08/10, FWP received one-time-only general fund authority for Access Montana, SWG match, and fish passage projects on the Tongue and Yellowstone Rivers.	\$0	\$0
General Fund Subtotal	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Parks State Funds		
O2064 Parks Maintenance: Interest Bearing Revenue source is the deposit of a sum equal to twenty percent above the purchase price for any acquisition of land or water rights, except that portion of acquisitions makde with funds provided under Sec 81-1-242(1) MCA. Used for the maintenance of the acquisition and implementation of good neighbor policy as identified in Sec 23-1-127, MCA. Terminates June 30, 2013. SB164 (09 Session) (Section 87-1-209 & 230, MCA	\$183,000	\$0
O2092 Parks Forest Management: Interest Bearing Revenue source is funds from forest management projects. Used to address fire mitigation, pine beetle infestation and wildlife habitat enhancement. Sunsets June 30, 2013. HB 42 (09 Session) (Sections 87-1-621,MCA)	\$5,000	\$0
O2274 Bed Tax Revenue source is 6.50% of the total bed tax. Used for the maintenance of facilities in state parks. (Sec. 15-65-121, MCA)	\$870,420	\$148,500
O2408 Coal Tax Trust Earnings: Interest Bearing Revenue source is the interest earned from the Coal Tax Trust Account (fund 09004). Used to support the development, operation, and maintenance of the state park system. (Sec. 15-35-108(3f), MCA)	\$829,747	\$0
Revenue sources are entry fees (nonresidents only) and camping fees collected at State Parks, cabin site rentals, concessionaire payments, and other miscellaneous revenue. SB336 from the 2003 Session implemented a \$4 license fee on passenger cars and light trucks to support Parks, Fishing Access Sites, and Virginia City/Nevada City. (\$3.50 to State Parks, \$0.25 to FAS (fund #02558), and \$0.25 to Virginia City/Nevada City). Residents may "opt out" and not pay if they do not plan to use State Parks. SB 285 from the 2005 Session allocated 0.47% in FY06 and 0.46% in succeeding years of the motor vehicle revenue to FWP. Of this amount, 43.8% in FY06 and 48.3% in succeeding years replaces the \$3.50 recreaitonal vehicle fee. Used to support the general operations of the state park system. (Sec. 15-1-122, MCA) (Sec. 23-1-105, MCA) and (Sec. 61-3-512 MCA).	\$4,085,525	\$164,500
O2412 Motorboat Fuel Tax Revenue source is 0.9% of the state gasoline dealers' license tax. Used for the creation, improvement, and maintenance of State parks where motorboats are allowed. (Sec. 60-3-201(4), MCA)	\$1,108,300	\$0
Parks State Funds Subtotal	\$7,081,992	\$313,000

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General License	War Till	
O2409 General License Account: Interest Bearing Revenue sources include the sale of fishing and hunting licenses (unless otherwise earmarked), miscellaneous permit sales, MONTANA OUTDOOR subscription sales, FAS camping fees, and other miscellaneous revenue. Used to support the various department programs which benefit sportspersons. (Sec. 87-1-601, MCA)	\$42,696,504	\$1,610,500
General License Subtotal	\$42,696,504	\$1,610,500
Earmarked License Fees for Habitat		
O2085 Waterfowl Stamp Account: Interest Bearing Revenue sources are from the sale of stamps and related artwork for waterfowl. Used for the protection, conservation and development of the wetlands in Montana. (Sections 87-2-411, MCA). The 2003 Legislature repealed 87-2-412 requiring a bird stamp and art contest.	\$53,072	\$254,500
O2086 Mountain Sheep Licenses: Interest Bearing Revenue source is the annual auction of one male mountain sheep license. Used for mountain sheep related research, management, and habitat improvement. (Section 87-2-722, MCA)	\$164,002	\$269,000
O2112 Moose Auction Account: Interest Bearing Revenue source is the annual auction of one moose license. Used for moose related research, management, and habitat improvement. (Section 87-2-724, MCA)	\$68,250	\$0
O2113 Upland Game Bird Enhancement: Interest Bearing Revenue sources are a portion of the nonresident bird license, nonresident big game combination license, resident bird license, and the resident sportsman licenses. Used to preserve and enhance upland game bird habitat and release of birds in the field. 15% of funds collected must be set aside for UGB releases, of which 25% must be spent each year. Release portion is recorded in fund #02687. (Sections 87-1-246 - 249, MCA)	\$179,342	\$490,000
O2149 River Restoration Account: Interest Bearing Revenue sources are \$0.50 from each resident fishing and sportsman license and \$1.00 from each nonresident season fishing license. Used for projects that will improve rivers and their associated lands for the purpose of conserving and enhancing fish and wildlife habitat. (Sections 87-1-257 - 259, MCA)	\$0	\$137,000
<u>02176 - Mountain Goat Auction:</u> Interest Bearing Revenue source is the annual auction of one mountain goat license. Used for mountain goat related research, management, and habitat improvement. (Section 87-2-725, MCA - HB 14 '05 Session)	\$13,900	\$0
02559 Mule Deer Auction: Interest Bearing Revenue source is the annual auction or lottery of one mule deer license. Used for mule deer related research, management, and habitat improvement. (HB20 from the 2003 Session).	\$1,250	\$18,500
O2560 Elk Auction: Interest Bearing Revenue source is the annual auction or lottery of one elk license. Used for elk related research, management, and habitat improvement. (HB20 from the 2003 Session).	\$40,300	\$0
Habitat Subtotal	\$520,116	\$1,169,000

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Earmarked License Fees for Access		The second second
O2114 Wildlife Habitat Acquisition: Interest Bearing Revenue sources are a portion of the nonresident big game and deer combination, antelope, moose, goat, sheep, lion, black bear, turkey, and resident sportsman licenses. Used for the acquisition, lease or easement of wildlife habitat. A portion of these funds is earmarked for the Wildlife Habitat Trust Fund and O&M. See description under Fund 09006 and Fund 02469. HB79 (05 Session) made the program permanent. (Section 87-1-242, MCA)	\$0	\$4,315,500
O2334 Hunting Access: Interest Bearing Revenue source is the additional revenue generated from selling nonresident outfitter sponsored big game and deer combo licenses at a market based price. Resident and nonresident hunting access fees are dedicated to this fund. Another source is \$55 of every NR bird license. The funds are used to support the hunting access enhancement and hunter management programs within the block management program. SB77 ('05 session) made the block management program permanent. (Sec. 87-1-268 & 270, MCA) (HB 195 95 Session).	\$6,456,580	\$0
O2415 Fishing Access Site Acquisition: Interest Bearing Revenue sources are \$1.00 of each resident fishing license, \$1.00 of each nonresident 2-day license, \$3.50 of each nonresident 10-day license, \$0.50 of each resident 2-day fishing license, and \$5.00 of each nonresident season fishing license. Fifty percent of the revenue is used for operation, development and maintenance of sites acquired under this law. The other 50% is for the acquisition of fishing access sites. (FAS O&M activity recorded in Fund 02333). HB137 from the 2003 Session removed the sunset language. (Sec. 87-1-605, MCA).	\$0	\$139,500
O2459 Hunting Access Acquisition Revenue source is the sale of nonresident big game combination and nonresident deer combination licenses to adult nonresident family members of residents who meet specific qualifications. Used to acquire public hunting access to inaccessible public land. Sunsets March 1, 2014. HB585 (09 Session) Sec 87-2-526, MCA	\$25,000	\$300,000
Access Subtotal	\$6,481,580	\$4,755,000
Earmarked License Fees for Operations and Maintenance		
O2333 Fishing Access Site Maintenance: Interest Bearing Revenue sources are \$1.00 of each resident fishing license, \$1.00 of each nonresident 2-day license, \$3.50 of each nonresident 10-day license, \$0.50 of each resident 2-day fishing license, and \$5.00 of each nonresident season fishing license. Fifty percent of the revenue is used for operation, development and maintenance of sites acquired under this law. The other 50% is for the acquisition of fishing access sites. (Acquisition activity recorded in Fund 02415). HB137 from the 2003 Session removed the sunset language. (Sec. 87-1-605, MCA)	\$337,547	\$0
O2423 Wolf Management Account Revenue Source is the sale of resident and nonresident wolf licenses. Used for that management of wolves. Funds must be equally allocated between worl-collaring activities and lethal action to take problem wolves that attack livestock. HB363 (11 Session)	\$162,500	
02469 Wildlife Hab. Trust Interest-0&M: Interest Bearing Revenue source is the interest earned on deposits in the Wildlife Habitat Trust Account (fund 09006). Beginning March 1, 1991, up to 50% of the money deposited in 09006 may be deposited directly into this account for development and maintenance of real property used for wildlife habitat. Used for the development and maintenance of property managed for wildlife habitat (See related fund 02114 and fund 09006). HB79 ('05 Session) made the program permanent. (Sec. 87-1-242, MCA).	\$985,496	\$485,000

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O2547 Search and Rescue: Interest Bearing (pending approval) Revenue source is \$0.25 of each resident and nonresident conservation license. This amount is a search and rescue surcharge to be used for search and rescue missions involving persons engaged in hunting, fishing, or trapping. Another source is \$0.50 of each \$15.00 nonresident temporary snowmobile use permit – (\$12.50 goes to Fund 02332, \$1.50 to Fund 02414, and \$0.50 to fund 02409; HB558 from the 2003 Session). Money remaining in the special revenue account after all allowable transfers must be transferred to the general license account (\$B112 from the 2003 Session).	\$99,652	\$0
O2687 Upland Game Bird Planting: Interest Bearing Revenue sources are a portion of the nonresident bird license, nonresident big game combination license, resident bird license, and the resident sportsman licenses. Used to preserve and enhance upland game bird habitat and release of birds in the field. 15% of funds collected must be set aside for UGB releases, of which 25% must be spent each year. Habitat enhancement and administration portions recorded in fund 02113. (Sections 87-1-246 - 249, MCA).	\$0	\$100,900
O2942 - Warm Water Fish Stamp: Interest Bearing Revenue source is the \$5 warm water fish stamp and all moneys received in the form of gifts, grants, reimbursements or appropriations from any source intended to be used for the Fort Peck Fish Hatchery. Used for the construction, operation, maintenance, and personnel costs for the Fort Peck Fish Hatchery. Beginning October 1, 2005, 15% of available revenue may be used for the costs incurred on eradication of illegally introduced warm water species from Montana waters. (Sec. 87-3-236, MCA - (HB20, 1999 Session).	\$408,054	\$0
Operations and Maintenance Subtotal	\$1,993,249	\$585,900
Other Misc State Sources O2022 RIT - Buil & Cutthroat Trout Enhancement HB 647 from the 99 Legislature directed FWP to spend \$500,000 per year from the RIT fund on bull and cutthroat trout enhancement projects. The 2002 Special Session temporarily reduced the funding the \$350,000 per year in FY03, FY04, and FY05. (87-1-272, MCA)	\$0	\$500,000
O2051 Other State Agency - NRD Source is the Natural Resource Damage Fund with the Department of Justice.		\$463,765
O2056 FAS Maintenance: Interest Bearing Revenue sources is the deposit of a sum equal to twenty per cent above the purchase price for any acquisition of land or water rights, except that portion of acquisitions made with funds provided under Sec 81-1-242(1). Used for the maintenance of the acquisition and implementation of good neighbor policy as identified in Sec 23-1-127, MCA. Terminates June 30, 2013. SB 164 (09 Session) (Section 87-1- 209, MCA)	\$285,000	\$0
<u>02061 Non-Game Wildlife Account:</u> Interest Bearing Revenue sources are voluntary contribution of income tax refunds by taxpayers and direct donations. Used to fund non-game management programs. (Sec. 15-30-150, MCA (establishes the checkoff) and Section 87-5-121, MCA)	\$32,924	\$0
O2084 F & W Forest Management Account: Interest Bearing Revenue source is funds from forest management projects. Used to address fire mitigation, pine beetle infestation and wildlife habitat enhancement. Sunsets June 30, 2013. HB 42 (09 Session) (Sections 87-1-621,MCA)	\$27,000	\$0
O2115 OHV Decal - Enforcement: Interest Bearing SB 285 ('05 Session) allocated 0.47% in FY06 and 0.46% in succeeding years of the motor vehicle revenue to FWP. Of this amount, 12.1% in FY06 and 11.1% in succeeding years is for the enforcement of OHV regulations. An additional source is the \$5 nonresident OHV temporary use permit. (Sec. 15-1-122(2c), MCA (Sections 23-2-804 and 814, MCA)	\$62,271	\$0

O2148 Paddlefish Roe Account: Interest Bearing The Department may enter into an agreement with a nonprofit organization to market donated paddlefish roe. The department receives 30% (SB166 from the 2003 Session reduced percentage from 40%) of the proceeds in excess of the costs of collection, processing and marketing (not administration). Used to benefit the paddlefish fishery. Revenue source sunsets June 30, 2018. (Section 87-4-601(3), MCA)	FY12 Operations \$24,916	FY12 Capital \$0
<u>02171 Smith River Corridor Account</u> Revenue source is \$50 of each outfitter client fee and 5% of all other launch fees. To be used specifically for the enhancement of the Smith River Corridor. (HB312 '05 Session)	\$0	\$75,000
O2213 OHV Fuel Tax - Parks Revenue source is 1/8 of 1% of the state gasoline dealers' license tax. Ninety percent of the revenue must be used to develop and maintain facilities open to the public at no admission cost. Up to 10% of the 90% may be used to repair areas that are damaged by OHVs. Ten percent is to be used to promote OHV safety. (Conservation Education activity recorded in Fund 02328) (Section 60-3-201 (1c) and (6), MCA)	\$106,094	\$36,000
O2238 Parks Safety/Ed OHV Dealer Reg: Interest Bearing Revenue sources are the \$5 OHV dealer renewal of registration fee, and the \$5 registration fee. Used for OHV safety and education. (Sec. 23-2-818, MCA)	\$4,475	\$0
O2239 OHV Decal- Parks: Interest Bearing SB 285 ('05 Session) allocated 0.47% in FY06 and 0.46% in succeeding years of the motor vehicle revenue to FWP. Of this amount, 18.1% in FY06 and 16.7% in succeeding years is for the implementation of an OHV recreation program. An additional source is the \$5 nonresident OHV temporary use permit. (Sec. 15-1-122(2c), MCA (Sections 23-2-804 and 814, MCA)	\$11,000	\$93,000
O2241 DSL Rec Use Account Revenue sources come from the sale of two types of licenses. The wildlife conservation license has a \$2.00 fee added to the license for the purpose of hunting, fishing and trapping on all legally accessible state trust lands. The Department of Natural Resources receives the \$2.00 of which \$1.80 (90%) goes to the trusts and \$.20 goes to the recreational use account. All other uses of trust lands are allowed under a general recreational use license. These licenses are \$5, \$10 or \$25, depending on age and category of purchaser. The Department of Natural Resources receives a \$1.28 for the recreational use account. Both of these revenue sources reimburse the State School Trust Funds fair market value compensation for activities conducted on the state trust land. (Sections 77-1-808 MCA)	\$0	\$0
02273 Boat Fee in Lieu of Tax SB 285 ('05 Session) allocated 0.5% in FY06 and 0.16% in succeeding years of the motor vehicle revenue to FWP. These funds are used to improve regional boating facilities under the control of the department. (Sec. 15-1-122(2c), MCA) (Sec. 23-2-518, MCA)	\$50,000	\$149,500
O2328 Parks OHV Fuel Safety/Ed Revenue source is 1/8 of 1% of the state gasoline dealers' license tax. Ten percent of the revenue is used to promote OHV safety. Ninety percent is used to develop and maintain facilities open to the public at no admission cost (Park's activity recorded in Fund 02213). (Section 60-3-201 (1c) and (6), MCA)	\$11,500	\$ 0
O2329 Snowmobile Fuel Tax - Enforcement Revenue source is 15/28 of 1% of the state gasoline dealers' license tax. 13% is to be used to promote snowmobile safety and education and 86% is used for the development and maintenance of snowmobile facilities (Parks). 4.33% (1/3 of 13%) of the revenue is used to enforce snowmobile laws and 8.67% (2/3 of 13%) of the revenue is used to promote snowmobile safety and education. (Parks activity recorded in Fund 02407 and Communication & Education activity recorded in Fund 02330). (Sec. 60-3-201(5), MCA)	\$25,715	\$0

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02330 Snowmobile Fuel Tax - Comm Ed Revenue source is 15/28 of 1% of the state gasoline dealers' license tax. 13% is to be used to promote snowmobile safety and education and 86% is uesd for the development and maintenance of snowmobile facilities (Parks). 4.33% (1/3 of 13%) of the revenue is used to enforce snowmobile laws and 8.67% (2/3 of 13%) of the revenue is used to promote snowmobile safety and education. (Parks activity recorded in Fund 02407 and Communication & Education activity recorded in Fund 02330). (Sec. 60-3-201(5), MCA)	\$41,479	\$0
O2331 Motorboat Decal - Parks SB 285 ('05 Session) allocated 0.47% in FY06 and 0.46% in succeeding years of the motor vehicle revenue to FWP. Of this amount, 5.2% in FY06 and 4.8% in succeeding years is for acquisition and maintenance of marine pump-out equipment and other boat facilities. (Sec. 15-1-122(2c), MCA) (Sec. 23-2-512, MCA)	\$18,163	\$0
O2332 Snowmobile Decal Parks: Interest Bearing SB 285 ('05 Session) allocated 0.12% in FY06 and 0.10% in succeeding years of the motor vehicle revenue to FWP. Of this amount, 50% is used for development, maintenance, and operation of snowmobile facilities. Another source is \$12.50 of each \$15.00 nonresident temporary snowmobile use permit (\$1.50 to fund 02414, \$0.50 to fund 02547, and \$0.50 to fund 02409. HB 558 - '03 Session) (Sec. 15-1-122(2c), MCA) (Sec. 23-2-615, 616, and 619, MCA)	\$224 ,995	\$0
02407 Snowmobile Fuel Tax - Parks Revenue source is 15/28 of 1% of the state gasoline dealers' license tax. Eighty six percent of the revenue is used for the development and maintenance of snowmobile facilities and thirteen percent is used to promote snowmobile safety and education and to enforce snowmobile laws. (Enforcement activity is recorded in Fund 02329 and Communication & Education activity is recorded in Fund 02330). (Sec. 60-3-201(5), MCA)	\$ 790,254	\$0
<u>02410 Real Property Trust Earnings - O&M:</u> Interest Bearing Revenue source is the interest earned on deposits in the Real Property Trust Account (See Fund 09002). Used to support the operation, development, and maintenance of the department's real property. (Sec. 87-1-601(5), MCA)	\$0	\$212,250
O2413 Motorboat Decal - Enforcement SB 285 ('05 Session) allocated 0.47% in FY06 and 0.46% in succeeding years of the motor vehicle revenue to FWP. Of this amount 20.8% in FY06 and 19.1% in succeeding years is used for the enforcement of motorboat regulation statutes. Another revenue source is the \$1 Hull Identification Number (HIN). No statutory reference has been used for the enforcement of this statute. (Sec. 15-1-122(2c), MCA) (Sec. 23-2-508(5) and 32-2-519(2b), MCA)	\$82,979	\$0
O2414 Snowmobile Decal - Enforcement: Interest Bearing SB 285 ('05 Session) allocated 0.12% in FY06 and 0.10% in succeeding years of the motor vehicle revenue to FWP. Of this amount, 50% is used for the enforcement of snowmobile regulation statutes. Another source is \$1.50 of each \$15 nonresident temporary snowmobile use permit (\$12.50 to fund 02332; \$0.50 to fund 02547, and \$0.50 to fund 02409. (HB 558 '03 Session) (Sec. 15-1-122(2c), MCA) (Sec. 23-2-615, 616, and 619, MCA)	\$81,913	\$0
O2422 MDT Highway Fuel Tax Used in the State Parks Division for maintenance of state park roads and county roads.	\$0	\$750,000
Q2558 Fishing Access Site Vehicle Registration Revenue source is an optional \$4 registration fee on passenger cars and light trucks of which \$0.25 of each registration is for Fishing Access Site development for non-angling activities. The other \$3.50 is deposited in fund 02411 and \$0.25 transferred to Montana Historical Society for Virginia City/Nevada City. (SB336 from the 2003 Session).	\$223,403	\$0

O2938 TLMD Admin Revenue sources come from mineral royalties, sale of easements. The purpose of the trust land administration is to administer and manage the state trust surface and mineral resources for the benefit of the common schools and other endowed institutions in Montana, under the direction of the Board of Land Commissioners. Appropriations from the account for each fiscal year may not exceed the sum of 1 1/8% of the book value balance in the nine permanent funds and 10% of the revenue deposited in the capitol building land grant trust. (Sections 77-1-108, 109 MCA)	Operations \$138,532	Capital \$0
Misc State Sources Subtotal	\$2,242,613	\$2,279,515
Federal Fish and Wildlife Funds		
O3097 PR-WB Grants Funding is from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grants. Used to support areas of various fish (WB) and wildlife (PR) management related projects. PR funds are from manufacturers' federal excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition. WB monies are from federal excise taxes on fishing gear. (Sec. 87-1-601, MCA)	\$12,012,428	\$1,337,500
03408 State Wildlife Grants Used to account for funds received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through the State Wildlife Grants (SWG) program. Funds must be used on projects involving species of special concern and their associated habitats.	\$790,614	\$100,000
03403 Federal Revenue Funding is miscellaneous federal funds used to support various fish and wildlife management related activities other than US Fish and Wildlife PR and WB funds.	\$3,182,800	\$365,250
Federal Fish and Wildlife Funds Subtotal	<u>\$15,985,842</u>	\$1,802,750
Federal Parks Funds		
03098 State Parks Federal and Private Revenue Funding is primarily from the Federal Department of Transportation. Used to develop and maintain various recreational trails within the state. (Sec. 23-1-102 and 23-1-103, MCA)	\$0	\$750,000
Used to account for funds received from the federal government for the Land and Water Conservation Fund program. Includes both the grant program for cities and counties and also the portion spent by DFWP.	\$0	\$250,000
Federal Parks Funds Subtotal	<u>\$0</u>	\$1,000,000
Private Funds		
08103 Private Non-Budgeted Funds		
Revenue sources are private funds received in the form of a donation, grant, or contract (until 7/1/01, recorded in fund 02363). (Section 87-1-11, MCA)	\$0	\$0
Private Subtotal	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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Summary of the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Grant Programs

The Division of Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) in the Rocky Mountain-Prairie Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) administers approximately ten different grant programs that contribute funds to State fish and wildlife agencies for fish, wildlife, and habitat restoration, management, and conservation. The majority of these funds are provided by the Wildlife Restoration, Sport Fish Restoration and State Wildlife Grants programs.

Grant Programs

The Wildlife Restoration grant program began in 1937 with the enactment of the Pittman-Robertson Act. This program instituted the collection of excise taxes from the manufacturers of ammunition and firearms and are apportioned through a formula to the State fish and wildlife agencies annually. A maximum of 75% of project funding may be provided by the Wildlife Restoration program for eligible activities including research, hunter education (including archery), restoration, wildlife management, and habitat management. Law enforcement and public relations activities are not eligible. To date, over \$6 billion has been granted to states for wildlife restoration.

The **Sport Fish Restoration** grant program began in 1950 with the enactment of the **Dingeli-Johnson Act.** It was modeled after the Pittman-Robertson Act and was created due to the decline of fishery resources throughout the nation. This Act also established the collection of excise taxes from the manufacturers of fishing equipment, motorboat, and small engine fuels, and import duties. The taxes are also apportioned to the State fish and wildlife agencies annually based on a formula. Up to 75% of the costs of eligible fishery and habitat restoration, management, maintenance, and research activities; boating facility construction and maintenance; and aquatic education projects may be funded through this program. Like the Wildlife Restoration program, law enforcement and public relations activities are ineligible activities. To date, over \$6.5 billion has been granted to states for sport fish restoration.

Congress authorized the State Wildlife Grants (SWG) program in 2002 through the Related Agencies Appropriations Act (PL 107-63) for developing and implementing programs that benefit wildlife and their habitats, including species not hunted or fished. Revenues for the SWG program are collected from Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas royalties, deposited into the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and appropriated annually by Congress. Priority is placed on projects that benefit species of greatest conservation concern. Grant funds must be used to address conservation needs, such as research, surveys, species and habitat management, and monitoring for these species. In 2005, Congress directed the States to prepare a Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Action Plan/Strategy (SWAP) as a prerequisite for participation in the SWG program and all states have an approved SWAP. These funds may also be used to update, revise, or modify a State's SWAP. In 2008, competitive grants were authorized for SWG up to \$5 million annually to encourage multi-partner projects.

Assent Legislation

A State may participate in the benefits of the Acts only after it has passed legislation which assents to prohibition against the diversion of license fees paid by hunters and sport fishermen for purposes other than administration of the fish and wildlife agency (50 CFR 80.3).

There is no assent legislation requirement for the SWG program although, as previously stated, a State must develop a SWAP to participate in the program.

<u>Diversions</u>

A diversion of license fee revenues occurs when any portion of license revenues is used for any purpose other than the administration of the State fish and wildlife agency [(50 CFR 80.4(c)]. The FWS often reviews and comments on proposed state legislation that could result in a "diversion." Three example letters are attached.

If a diversion of license revenues occurs, the State becomes ineligible to participate under the pertinent Act from the date the diversion is declared by the FWS Director until:

(1) Adequate legislative prohibitions are in place to prevent diversion of license revenue, and

(2) All license revenues or assets acquired with license revenues are restored, or an amount equal to license revenue diverted (whichever is greater) is refurned and properly available for use for the administration of the State fish and wildlife agency [50 CFR] 80.4(d)].

Prohibited Activities

As stated in 50 CFR 80.6, the following are not eligible for funding under the Acts, except when necessary for the accomplishment of project purposes as approved by the regional director.

Law enforcement activities conducted by the State to enforce the fish and game regulations.

Public relations activities conducted to promote the State fish and wildlife agency.

Audit requirements for non-Federal entities are found in OMB Circular A-133.200. It stipulates that non-Federal entities that expend \$500,000 or more in a year in Federal awards shall have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year in accordance with the provisions of this part.

The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000 established the requirement that a Wildlife and Sport Fish Grant program audit be conducted once every five-years for each state agency grantee. Currently, the FWS has contracted with the Department of the Interior Office of Inspector General to conduct these audits, report findings, and oversee that appropriate corrective actions are completed. Each audit must include a review of revenues and expenditures of protective actions are completed.